

**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Section 20.19 of the Commission's Rules	)	WT Docket No. 01-
	309	
Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones	)	RM-8658

**Report and Request for Waiver--47 C.F.R. § 20.19(d)(2)  
Hearing Aid Compatibility--Inductive Coupling**

Blanca Telephone Company ("Reporter"), a digital wireless service provider, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission" or "FCC") *Report and Order* in WT Docket No. 01-309, FCC 03-168, 29 CR 1299 (August 14, 2003), hereby files a report concerning the availability of digital phones for the hearing impaired and, if the Commission agrees that Reporter's handsets are fully HAC compliant, Reporter withdraws its request for a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 20.19(d)(2).<sup>1</sup> This filing does not address the reporting requirements or waiver needs required by the *Report and Order* which are properly addressed by handset manufacturers who are in the best position to report on their own activities.

**I. Carrier Information**

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<sup>1</sup> On July 7, 2004 the FCC published notice that it had obtained OMB approval to collect hearing aid compatibility reports from wireless carriers. 69 Fed. Reg. 40928 (Wednesday, July 7, 2004). Pursuant to the *Report and Order, Amendment of Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones*, 68 Fed. Reg. 54173 (September 16, 2003), reports are due every six months after rule effectiveness for the first three years and then annually for the next two years. The first reports were filed in November 2004.

Reporter is a small Commercial Mobile Radio Services carrier that provides service in rural Colorado. Reporter has not received a request for a HAC handset.

## **II. Handset Discussion**

Reporter, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 20.19(c)(2)(i)(A) distributes at least two HAC-compliant models of handsets for use by persons with a hearing disability: Motorola model V262 and Nokia model 6255i are HAC-compliant for radio frequency interference (U3 performance level; acoustic coupling). As of September 18, 2006, 47 C.F.R. § 20.19(d)(2) requires that carriers offer at least two handsets which comply with the U3T level of performance (inductive coupling). Reporter distributes the following handsets: Kyocera K132, Kyocera Kx5, Kyocera K323, and Kyocera V3c. It is Reporters' understanding that these handsets are fully HAC compliant.

## **III. Hearing Aid Compatible Handset Labeling/Insert Requirement**

The HAC-compliant phones which are distributed by Reporter contain an information sheet or instruction manual which describes the HAC capabilities of the handsets. Each retail location has live working handsets on display for customer evaluation. The handset boxes are not on display and they do not have any HAC ratings listed on the box. Reporter awaits the manufacturers to supply it with appropriate notification stickers and/or boxes with preprinted information.

## **IV. Outreach Efforts & Interoperability**

Reporter has tested the HAC-compliant handsets which are distributed by it and they work well throughout Reporter's service area. Reporter makes reasonably available to disabled subscribers and disabled potential subscribers of HAC-compliant, via the retail handset distribution facility, current technical and anecdotal information

regarding the hearing aid compatibility of specific wireless handsets including both HAC-compliant and non-HAC-compliant handsets.

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